

Andrew Jackson to William Roberdeau Swift, June 2, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO GENERAL W. R. SWIFT.¹

1 Copy. Handwriting of A. J. Donelson. General Swift wrote from New York.

Hermitage, June 2, 1828.

Dear Sir, I had the honor some time since to receive your letter of the 8th April last advising me of your having shipped on board the De Witt Clinton a barrel of Scuppernong wine as a present from Genl Lewis D Wilson of Tarborough, [N. C.] to me. This barrel has arrived safely, and was yesterday broached at the Hermitage. It was pronounced by several of my friends, with whom I concurred, to be excellent wine. It is certainly a favorable specimen of the adaptation of the Tarborough land to the growth of the vine, and worthy the attention of the country. I pray you to assure the Genl that I accept it with double pleasure as a token of his respect, and the production of his own soil.

I feel thankful for the information which you have afforded me on the subject of the politics of your great state, They are interesting to us all, and no doubt will not disappoint the advocates of republican principles. The excitement which has grown out of the Morgan affair had its origin no doubt in some misapprehension of fact, and will yield to a fair and temperate examination. I am sorry that there is the least ground for the suspicion that the friends of the administration have sought to make it a party test. Should it be true, it must be an eternal stain on their memory whatever may be its immediate effect on their reelection.

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As relates, my dear Sir, to my own elevation it is unnecessary for me now to speak. Should the republicans of your state and the majority of my fellow citizens, call me to administer the Govt. I shall do my utmost to discharge the arduous duties of the office, and should hope by the favor of Providence to be instrumental in the correction of many of the present abuses.